



EuroMeSCo Extraordinary and Ordinary General Assemblies
Barcelona, 19th November 2010

DRAFT VERSION

The extraordinary and ordinary General Assemblies of EuroMeSCo were held on 19th November 2010 at the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed) headquarters, in Barcelona. Starting at 9:00 am, the Assembly was chaired by Isabelle Werenfels (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin).

Attendance:

Effective members

- 1- ACPSS - Al Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies, Egypt, Gamal Abdel Gawad Soltan
- 2- AEI - Association des Etudes Internationales, Tunisia, Fourati Salem
- 3- BECSA - Bulgarian European Community Studies Association, Bulgaria, Dinov Dinko
- 4- CAP - Center for Applied Policy Research, Germany, Bauer Michael
- 5- CEMI - Centre Etudes Méditerranéennes Internationales, Tunisia, Driss Ahmed,
- 6- CERMAC - Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches sur le Monde Arabe Contemporain, Belgium Legrand Vincent, Khader Bichara
- 7- CERSS - Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches en Sciences Sociales, Morocco, El Mashouli Abderrahim
- 8- Chatham House, United Kingdom, Spencer Claire
- 9- CIDOB - Centre d'informació i Documentació Internacionals a Barcelona, Spain, Vaquer Jordi, Claudín Carmen, Eduard Soler i Lecha
- 10- CSS - Center for Strategic Studies / University of Jordan, Ababneh Sara
- 11- ELCANO - Real Instituto Elcano de Estudios Internacionales y Estratégicos, Spain, Amirah Fernández Haizam
- 12- EVI - Estonian Foreign Policy Institute, Estonia, Kasekamp Anders
- 13- FMES - Fondation Méditerranéenne d'Etudes Stratégiques, France, Brault Stéphane
- 14- FPI - Foreign Policy Institute, Turkey, Arým Reşat
- 15- FRIDE - Fundación para las relaciones internacionales y el diálogo exterior, Spain, Michou Hélène
- 16- European Institute of Lodz, Poland, appointed Herolf Gunilla
- 17- GERM - Groupement d'Etudes et de Recherches sur la Méditerranée, Morocco, Ammor Fouad
- 18- HIIA - Hungarian Institute of International Affairs, Hungary, Nagyné Rozsa Erzsebet

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| <p>19- IAI- Istituto Affari Internazionali, Italy, Nathalie, Aliboni Roberto</p> <p>20- IEMed - Institut Europeu de la Mediterrània, Spain, Florensa, Senén</p> <p>21- INESG - Institut national d'études de stratégie globale, Algeria Boumghar Lotfi</p> <p>22- LCPS - Lebanese Center for Policy Studies, Lebanon, Karam Karam</p> <p>23- LDI - Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations, Tovia Alfred</p> <p>24- METU - Middle East Technical University, Turkey, Eralp Atila</p> | <p>25- SWP - Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Germany, Werenfels Isabelle (Chair)</p> <p>26- TAPRI - Tampere Peace Research Institute, Finland, Lehti Marco</p> <p>27- UJRC - Al-Urdun Al-Jadid Research Center , Jordan, Hourani Hani</p> <p>28- UPI - Finnish Institute for International Affairs, Finland, Behr Timo</p> <p>29- RC SFPA – Research Centre Slovak Foreign Policy Association, , Slovak Republic, Najslova Lucia</p> |
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With 29 of the total 57 effective member institutes present, a quorum was thus gathered.

The following observer members were also present:

- AFA - Arab Forum for Alternative Studies, Egypt, Elagati Mohamed Ahmed
- Euromed Marseille, France, Zoubir Yahya
- Fondazione Mediterraneo, Italy, Capasso Michele
- GPOT - Global Political Trends Centre, Turkey, Akgün Mensur
- GREEM - Grupo de Estudios Europeos Mediterráneos, Spain, Lorca Alejandro
- IPCRI - Israel / Palestine Center for Research and Information, Baskin Gershon
- TEPSA - Trans-European Policy Studies Association, Belgium, Herolf Gunilla

Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from the following institutes:

- Casa Arabe-IEAM, Spain
- Centre of International studies, University of Cambridge, UK
- DIIS - Danish Institute for International Studies, Denmark
- ELIAMEP, Greece
- FRS, France
- IMRI - Institut Marocain des Relations Internationales, Morocco
- ITES - Institut Tunisien des Etudes Stratégiques, Tunisia
- Netherlands Institute of International Relations "Clingendael", Netherlands
- NISS, Palestine
- North-South Centre of the Council of Europe
- PASSIA, Palestine
- UNISCI, Spain
- University of Catania, Italy

Agenda of the meeting

1. Statement of the Secretariat on the state of the network and its perspectives
2. Extraordinary Assembly
 - a. Amendments to the Statutes
3. Ordinary Assembly

- a. Minutes of last meeting
- b. Admission of members and observers
- c. Elections of EuroMeSCo governing bodies
- d. Activities in 2011
- e. Any other business

1. STATEMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT

The Chair, after welcoming the participants to the Assemblies, gives the floor to Roberto Aliboni, in his capacity as coordinator of the IAI Secretariat in the past two years, to explain the state of play of the network and its perspectives. Aliboni illustrates the painful and failed attempts to transfer the EuroMeSCo contract with EuropeAid from Lisbon to Rome and the consequent lack of funding in which the Secretariat had to operate. He informs the Assembly that, while the contract had been terminated in October 2009, at the end of October 2010 the Commission has not still received any satisfactory final accounts from the previous Secretariat. As a consequence the Commission refuses to resume any contractual relation with EuroMeSCo until this problem is solved. For this reason, no funds will come from the Commission for a period of time that cannot be predicted, Aliboni describes the efforts made by the IAI Secretariat to assure the network’s activity as well as the funds and resources contributed by the same Institute to that purpose. He further cites his efforts to identify alternative sources for funding and points out the two July 2010 conventions with IEMed that made it possible to organise the ongoing assemblies and the Annual conference in Barcelona. In the light of these events, he proposes – as soon as the ordinary assembly will take place - to ask IEMed to take over the Secretariat, provided that, following his consultations, this Institute is ready to make available services and resources to enable the network work.

This presentation of the state of affairs is followed by a discussion among EuroMeSCO’s members on how to proceed with regard to funding as well as on future visions of the network. There is a strong consensus that EuroMeSCO should continue to make funding by the commission a priority and that EuroMeSCO’s work in terms of content should continue along the lines of the past. At the same time it was suggested, to make more use of the website and to continue exploring what could be new foci and priorities of the network’s research.

2. EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY

The Chair gives the floor to Roberto Aliboni asking him to present one by one the amendments proposed by the Secretariat, on the basis of the mandate it received from the Rome June 5, 2010 Steering Committee and the three documents attached to the minutes (1. EuroMeSCO Statutes – Proposed Amendments; 2. Key Amendments and their Ramifications; 3. Modifications and Additions to the Amendments Previous Text). Amendments are then submitted to discussion and vote article by article:

Article 9

Old version	New version
Article 9 EuroMeSCO’s governing bodies are - The General Assembly,	Article 9 EuroMeSCO’s governing bodies are - The General Assembly,

- The Steering Committee, - The Secretariat.	- The Steering Committee, - The Secretariat. - The Executive Committee .
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The amendment is accepted.

Article 10,2

Old version	New version
<p>Article 10,2 - <i>General Assembly</i></p> <p>The General Assembly will designate two Co-chairs, one from the northern and one from the southern bank of the Mediterranean, in order to stress the interregional character of the network, for a renewable two-year term. Each of the two co-Chairs will chair the General Assembly for one year. If he or she should be indisposed, the other Co-chair or a member of the Steering Committee elected to that specific purpose shall take the chair.</p>	<p>Article 10, 2 - <i>General Assembly</i></p> <p>The General Assembly will designate one Chair, alternately from the European Union and the non-EU countries of the Mediterranean. The Chair will chair the General Assembly for a two year term. If he or she should be indisposed, a member of the Steering Committee elected to that specific purpose shall take the chair.</p>

The amendments are accepted.

Article 16

Old version	New version
<p>Article 16 - <i>Steering Committee</i></p> <p>EuroMeSCo is governed by a Steering Committee elected by the General Assembly, together with an ex officio member of Belgian nationality.</p> <p>The General Assembly shall take fully into account the interregional character of the network, and thus keep a fair balance in the Steering Committee's membership. The members of the Steering Committee are mandated for a renewable two-year term.</p> <p>The Committee shall comprise a maximum of eleven and a minimum of five members, and shall hold at least two meetings annually. The quorum of the Committee shall comprise at least two thirds of its members and its decisions</p>	<p>Article 16 - <i>Steering Committee</i></p> <p>EuroMeSCo is governed by a Steering Committee elected by the General Assembly, together with an ex officio member of Belgian nationality.</p> <p>The Steering Committee's Euro-Mediterranean membership shall reflect a fair balance between the diverse Euro-Mediterranean areas.</p> <p>Unless already member of the Steering Committee, the member who takes responsibility for organising the annual General Assembly and the Annual Conference with the Secretariat shall automatically become an effective member of the Steering Committee until replaced by the member who will be responsible for the subsequent</p>

<p>shall be adopted by a simple majority of those members attending the meeting.</p> <p>The Co-chairs may attend the Steering Committee meetings.</p>	<p>Assembly.</p> <p>The members of the Steering Committee are mandated for a two-year term only renewable once. The Committee shall comprise a maximum of thirteen and a minimum of seven members, including the Belgian member ex officio and the member responsible for organising the Assembly. It shall hold at least one meeting annually. The quorum of the Committee shall comprise at least two thirds of its members and its decisions shall be adopted by a simple majority of those members attending the meeting.</p> <p>The Chair may attend the Steering Committee meetings.</p>
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The amendments are accepted.

Article 17

Old version	New version
<p>Article 17 (SC Functions)</p> <p>Steering Committee meetings are convened by the Secretariat. The main functions of the Steering Committee are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to draw up the programme of EuroMeSCo, and to decide which of the activities organised by one or more of the network's members may be construed to be EuroMeSCo activities, - to establish contracts with third parties, - to submit to the General Assembly member or observer applications, - to entrust delegates with specific tasks, notably the co-ordination of research activities - to establish the annual the work plan of EuroMeSCo and submit it to the General Assembly. 	<p>Article 17 (SC Functions)</p> <p>Steering Committee meetings are convened by the Secretariat. The main functions of the Steering Committee are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to establish the annual work and financial plans of EuroMeSCo and submit them to the General Assembly - to submit to the General Assembly member or observer applications, based on reports on applications provided by a member of the network, - to appoint an Executive Committee and, if necessary, provide it with mandates.

The amendments are approved

Article 19

Old version	New version
<p>Article 19 - <i>Secretariat</i></p> <p>The Steering Committee shall appoint a Secretariat from among its members. The Secretariat will be in charge of the day-to-day management of the network and will be accountable to the Steering Committee. In particular, the Secretariat is in charge of co-ordinating and circulating information on the activities of the network as well as its members.</p> <p>The Secretariat will be appointed for a renewable two-year term.</p>	<p>Article 19 –<i>Secretariat</i></p> <p>The Steering Committee shall propose a Secretariat, from among its members or the network’s Euro-Mediterranean members, to the General Assembly for approval. The Secretariat will be in charge of the day-to-day management and coordination of the network and will be accountable to the Steering Committee.</p> <p>The Secretariat will be elected for a renewable two-year term.</p> <p>The Institute in charge of the Secretariat may designate a person from its staff to act as the Coordinator of the Secretariat. This person may be different from the representative (focal point) of the same Institute.</p>

The amendments are approved.

1. Article 20

Old version	New version to be approved
<p>Not present in the old version</p>	<p>Art. 20 - <i>Executive Committee</i></p> <p>The Executive Committee is appointed for two years by the Steering Committee. It is convened and coordinated by the Secretariat’s Coordinator. The Executive Committee will not include more than five persons, including the Coordinator.</p> <p>The Executive Committee works out a detailed programme of activities predicated on the annual work plan approved by the Assembly and the Steering Committee and supports the Coordinator in implementing such programme.</p> <p>The Executive Committee shall act pursuant to its own regulations and be accountable to the Steering Committee.</p> <p>The Chair may attend the meeting of the Executive Committee.</p>

The new article is approved by a majority vote (18 for the EC 11 against)

Article 22

The new version presented to the assembly is that approved by the Steering Committee in its 17-18 November 2010 meeting.

Old version	New version
Auditors Article 21 EuroMeSCo's accounts will be audited by one or more auditors appointed by the General Assembly for a renewable two-year term.	Auditing Article 22 (formerly 21) If there is a budget of the network, an external professional audit shall be performed.

The amendment is approved.

The Assembly recommends to publish the integrated version of the new Statutes in the web site as soon as possible.

3. ORDINARY ASSEMBLY

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the previous General Assembly in Amman are approved.

Admission of members and observers

Following the deliberations by the Steering Committee, the Chair proposes new candidatures and changes in the status of several members:

- Full membership for the Prague Institute of International Relations, Czech Republic.
- Observer membership for the Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany, since the Mediterranean Studies Center of this University is still in its very first stage
- Upgrading to full membership for TEPSA - Trans-European Policy Studies Association, Belgium and GPoT - Global Political Trends Centre, Turkey

All proposals are approved.

The assembly asks for the Secretariat to obtain further information with regard to the applications by the Mediterranean University of Albania and the Centre for the Study and Research of Africa and the Mediterranean (CERAM) Morocco with a view to being able to take these candidatures in consideration.

Elections of EuroMeSCo's governing bodies

The Chair presents the proposals made by the Steering Committee and the criteria they are based on, and puts them to vote:

Chair of the network: Bichara Khader is elected as Chair of the network.

Steering Committee:

Non EU members:

ACPSS Al Ahram Center for Political and Sytrategic Studies, Cairo,

CEMI - Centre Etudes Mediterranéennes Internationales, Tunis
CSEPS - Center for the Study of European Politics and Society-Ben Gourion. University of the Negev, Bersheba
CSS - Center for Strategic Studies , University of Jordan, Amman.
GPoT - Global Political Trends Centre, Istanbul.
GERM - Groupement d'Etudes et de Recherches sur la Méditerranée, Rabat
INESG- Institut national d'études de stratégie globale, Algiers

EU Members

FIIA/UIPI - Finnish Institute for International Affairs, Helsinki
IEMed.,-European Institute of the Mediterranean, Barcelona.
IAI - Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome.
HIIA, Hungarian Institute for International Affaires, Budapest
RIIA- Royal Institute for International Affaires- Chatham House, London
TEPSA - Trans-European Policy Studies Association, Brussels (ex officio).

The new Steering Committee is approved

Activities in 2011

After a break to allow the incoming Steering Committee to elect the new Secretariat, the Assembly resumes and the Chair gives the floor to Senén Florensa in his capacity as the new coordinator of the IEMed Secretariat to illustrate the activities the Secretariat intends to carry out in 2011.

Florensa presents IEMed's vision of the mandate and a draft Working Plan. While IEMed will work to establish a new sound relationship with the Commission in the middle term, in 2011 it will organise and finance the activities included in the Working Plan and look for other resources, in particular with a view to funding research projects. The Annual Working Plan of the activities of the network is approved and is annexed to these proceedings.

With respect to the 2011 Annual Conference of EuroMeSCo, several members of the network suggested to return to the format of earlier EuroMeSCo Annual Conferences with workshops on specific issues rather than panels on broad topics.

Any other business

The Assembly raises the need for an internal evaluation of the network's activities, in the form of a yearly report on how members are working together, with a view, among other things, to taking credit with respect to the European Commission and other sponsors.

After the debate the following recommendation is approved: The General Assembly mandates the Steering Committee to present in the next General Assembly a proposal with terms of reference and the text of an article for the statutes, reflecting the agreement on the internal evaluation.

No other business being raised, the meeting came to a close at 15:00h.

Annex 1: The three documents proposing amendments to the Statutes

Annex 2: Annual Working Plan 2011